Confirmation of Temporary Officials of P.W.D.

474. Sri K. M. PUTTASWAMY (Chickballapur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government intend to confirm the temporary officials working in the Establishment of Public Works Department or whether they propose to extend any other facilities to them ;

(*b*) if so, the specific steps taken by Government in that behalf ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

Consent to the Mysore Land Reforms Second (Amendment) Bill, 1967

475. Sri SADASHIV SHETTAR (Hubli).—
Sri S. R. BOMMAI (Kundgol).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that President of India has not accorded his consent to the Mysore Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 1967 ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).

Member's Representation

† Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar)—Sir, before you take up the next item, I wish to bring to your notice that I have given notice under rule 177 and 178 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House. This notice pertains to breach of privilege committed by a paper published in Hyderabad "Rahnuma-e-Deccan". This paper in its issue on 19th March 1968 has published wrong information pertaining to me. This publication is under the caption : "*Urdu*"

In fact the main theme of the publication is that there was communal feeling continuing at Bidar on 15th March 1968, that is, on the day of the Holi. On the 15th and 16th I was present here taking part in the deliberations of this House. This has been published only with the intention of undermining my reputation among the voters in my constituency. This report says that I was present there on the 15th and I instigated the people to put colours on the ladies. As I have stated

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just now, I was taking part in the deliberations of the House on that day. After seeing it I rushed to Bidar and in the meanwhile I found that peace was restored. This has been published with the intention to bring to the notice of the people that I am not taking part or representing their cause on the floor of this House and also with the intention that my reputation is undermined and looked down upon by the people of my constituency particularly by muslims, and this is falsely reported. I may be permitted to move this motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will examine the matter. The member has given the papers also and I will examine it.

SRI G. CHANDRAKANTH. I have given relevant papers and also Attendance Certificate issued by the Secretary, Legislature.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It is an important matter and I will apply my mind to it. Now next item.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

SRI S. R. BOMMAI (Kundgol).—I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Education to the falling prices of agricultural products :

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Due to good harvest in some parts of the State and outside, the prices are no doubt coming down. For certain commodities support prices have been fixed by Government of India and if the rates go below that, the Government of India would probably do the needful.

Support prices are as follows :

		1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
Paddy :				
Fine	...	42.50	42.50	50.00
Midfine	...	39.50	39.50	47·00
Medium	...	36.50	36.50	44.00
Coarse	...	35.50	35.50	43.00
Ragi	...	Nil	Nil	42.00
Jowar :				
White	...	39.00	39.00	42.00
Red	...	37.00	37.00	42.00
Yellow	...	38.00	38.00	42.00
Bajra	...	40.00	40.00	42.00
Maize	...	36.00	36.00	42.00

The present rates have not touched that floor as yet. The rates that prevailed during the last year were abnormally high. The economy of the country may not be able to sustain that high rate under normal conditions. The rates would therefore probably come down to certain extent and stabilise at the level which could be sustained both from producer and consumes points of view. The rates of pulses and wheat were considerably high last year because of low production in the northern and central parts of the country where these crops are grown to a larger extent. However, it may be necessary to keep vigilant watch over the prices to see that they do not crash down below the levels at which it would be unecomical to invest for increasing agricultural production by the farmers.

The following statement indicates the prices that were prevailing during the current year at Dharwar. It can be seen from this, that the prices were high before harvest and came down immediately after harvest. Now there is an upward trend in the prices at present.

Name of crop	Maximum price and period (per quintal)		Minimum price and period (per quintal)		Present price per quintal
Jowar ...	105	June to October	70	November	83
Groundnut ...	176	June	68	January	85
Chilly ...	376	September	101	January	290
Cotton ...	215	December	142	November	161
Wheat ...	176	January	96	February	128

2-30 P.M.

Member's Representation

†SRI S. SHIVAPPA.—Sir, I wish to bring to your notice one important news item and it is regarding the Krishna water dispute. In the Lok Sabha there was a discussion on the Irrigation Demand and during the discussion this issue has been raised there by Parliament members from Mysore State. In reply to that debate, the concerned Minister at the Centre Sri K. L. Rao has replied that arbitration on Krishna waters will be resorted to only after the negotiations have completely failed. He has made it clear that the Mysore Government has not

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implemented the projects which the Centre has sanctioned. The information he has given is misleading. He has stated that as the Irrigation Minister at the Centre he has done everything possible to help Mysore and that the Mysore Government has not implemented the schemes. It is a very misleading statement. As Irrigation Minister it is his business to confine himself to the distribution of Krishna waters and to the negotiations which are going on between the three States *viz.* Andhra, Maharashtra and Mysore. It is his business to see whether as a result of the negotiations he has been able stay the progress of Nagarjunasagar which is under dispute. He has evaded that issue and thrown the blame on the Mysore Government. This is a very serious matter. I do not know whether this Government have at least now realised that they cannot get justice so long as Sri K. L. Rao is there at the Centre. Therefore, the Government must make up their mind here and now to refer the matter to a Tribunal. He is misleading the Lok Sabha itself. I want to know from the Government what steps they are contemplating to take immediately on this Krishna water dispute.

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ (ಅರಕಲಗೂಡು).—ಸ್ವಾಮೀ, ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು ಹೇಳುವುದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಒಂದು ವಿಚಾರ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರದ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಿರ್ಧಾರದಂತೆ ನೋಡಿದರೆ ಬಹುಶಃ ನಾಗಾರ್ಜುನ ಸಾಗರದ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪುನಃ 12 ಕೋಟಿಯಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರದವರು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರವನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟೇ ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಈ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಬಗೆಹರಿಯುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಕೇಂದ್ರದವರು ಪುನಃ ಆಂಧ್ರಕ್ಕೆ 12 ಕೋಟಿಯಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ತಡೆ ಹಿಡಿಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೇಂದ್ರವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುವಾಗ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆನೂ ವಿಷದೀಕರಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

†ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀರ್ (ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ಸ್ವಾಮೀ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ನೀರಾವಾರಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈಚೆಗೆ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡುಗಳು ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ನದಿ ವಿವಾದಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಪ್ಪೊತ್ತು ನಾನು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ನಿಲುವು ಏನು ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ನನಗನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲ ನನ್ನ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡುಗಳು ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ನಮ್ಮ ನಿಲುವು ಏನು ಎನ್ನುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಇಪ್ಪೊತ್ತು ಪುನಃ ಕೇಂದ್ರದವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ನಾವೇನೂ ಇಟ್ಟು ಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನಾಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಡ್ಜೊಕೇಟು ಜನರಲ್‌ರವರು ನಿರ್ಧಾರಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕಾಗದಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅವರಿಗೇ ವರ್ಗಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರವಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ಲೀಗಲ್ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಒಂದು ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಡ್ರಾಫ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಬಹುಶಃ ಇನ್ನು ಕೆಲವೇ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಫೈನಲೈಸು ಮಾಡಿ ಅವರು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸುವುದರಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರ ಕೂಡ ನಾನು ಮೊನ್ನೆ ದಿನ ಕುಳಿತು ಚರ್ಚೆ ಕೂಡ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ಇನ್‌ಫರ್‌ಮೇಷನ್‌ಗಳು ಬೇಕಾಗಿವೆ. ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ನಾವು ಕಾನೂನು ಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವಾಗ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿಚಾರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕುಲಂಕಷವಾಗಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಆ ನಂತರ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ತರಾತುರಿಯಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನಾಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಇದು ಸಂಧಾನದಿಂದ ಬಗೆಹರಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ

ಯಾವ ಆಸೆಯನ್ನೂ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಕೇಂದ್ರದವರು ಕೂಡ ಯಾವ ಅಶಾಭಾವನೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂತಲೂ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರದವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕರೆತು ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ನಮಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈ ಭಾವನೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ನಾವು ಇದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಮುಂದಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

CALLING ATTENTION

(Continued)

Sri S. S. ARAKERI (Bellolli).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Revenue and Forests to the distress caused to agriculturists by heavy rains in Bijapur District.

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—Sir, with reference to the call attention notice of Sri Arakeri with regard to the distress caused to the agriculturists by heavy rains in February 1968 in Bijapur District, I beg to state as follows:

There was widespread rainfall in most of the taluks of Bijapur District towards the end of the third week and the beginning of the fourth week of February 1968. The rainfall was heavy in Indi taluk being 43.62 mm. and in Bijapur Taluk being 43.8 mm. In Badami, Sindgi and Bilgi taluks, the rainfall was a little above one inch. In Bagewadi, Muddebihal, Bagalkot, Hungund and Jamkhandi taluks, the rainfall was not heavy. There was no rainfall in Mudhol Taluk.

As a result of this untimely rainfall, the rabi crops of jowar, wheat and cotton in certain areas of the district have been affected to a little extent. The damage caused is, however, not considerable anywhere.

As recommended by the Taluk Relief Committees, 70 test scarcity works have been sanctioned to provide labour to the needy agriculturists. In addition to these scarcity relief works, normal soil conservation work ond other P.W.D. works are in progress. These works provide the necessary employment to the poorer sections of the people in the affected areas.

The annewari proposals submitted by the Assistant Commissioners for the current year are under scrutiny of the Deputy Commissioner and they will be finalised after taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

No proposals have been received from any of the Tahsildars for exemption from payment of levy on foodgrains. The several Levy Orders also do not provide for grant of any general exemption from payment of levy except in the case of holders of one acre or less. There is a provision in the Levy Orders for the determination of the net surplus on representation being made by the concerned agriculturist. The Tahsildars are competent to sanction concession in the matter of levy of foodgrains in accordance with the provisions of the levy orders.

Members' Representation

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ (ಹರಿಹರ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಂತಿ ಭಂಗ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಎಲ್ಲ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಬಹಳ ತಳಮಳ ತರತಕ್ಕ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಿದೆ. ಇದರ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಳೆ 15 ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ತಾವು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹೋಂ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡುಗಳು ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕದ್ದಾಗಿವೆ. ಈ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ನಮಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಂಕೆ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸುಮಾರು 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಮುಂಚೆಯೇ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಫೀಸಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸೆಕ್ರೆಟರಿಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ನಾನು ಬರೆದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಲವು ಅಂಕೆ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದೂ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ಎರಡು ಸಾರಿ ರಿಮೈಂಡರನ್ನೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೂ ಸರಕಾರ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಯಾವ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನನಗೆ ಈ ವಿವರಗಳು ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಆಳವಾಗಿ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಬಹಳ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ನನಗೆ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ 15ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಹೇಳಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ಇದ್ದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಾವು ಸರಕಾರದ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನೂ ನಾಳೆ ನಾಡಿದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಒಂದು ಆರ್ಡರು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸಲಹೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಮಗೆ ಆಳವಾಗಿ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸಮಾಡಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಎಲ್ಲ ಅಂಕೆ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನೂ ಒದಗಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ 15 ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಈ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದು ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಇಂದು ಮತ್ತೆ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Before the discussion on the Demands is taken up, the information will be furnished.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want the information so that I may have an analytical study of the whole thing and we may give some constructive suggestions in the matter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I shall ask the Government to supply the information before the Demands are taken up.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If they give it on the 15th, how can I read it. At least two or three days earlier can they not give it when they are having such a mighty machinery ?

Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).—Sir, I want to bring two matters to your notice. One is that a few days back when the Hon'ble Member Sri Sarwesh asked a question, the Hon'ble Minister for Food Sri Jatti cast aspersions on the legal profession and I raised a point of order on that day.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member has raised a point of order and I have reserved my ruling. I will give a ruling on that.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Second matter is, it is more than two months I have sent 18 questions and ,to most of the questions information will be available in Bangalore itself. But so far not a single question is answered. When that is the case, what is the use of sending questions ? If they are answered after three months, what is the use ? Time also counts much and when they are needed they must be

answered. Some of the questions pertain to Bidar District. A question relating to some sheep is very important and it has to be answered immediately. Another question pertains to the examination. The examination is fast approaching and there are no Urdu Teachers. If that is not answered and proper action is not taken to rectify the defect, what is the use? Another important question pertains to the Nerna circle of the Distrrict of Bidar which is shown in the map of Andhra Pradesh, by the map published by the Mysore Government. When that is the position, do the Government intend to keep quiet? I want to know what is the intention of the Government to delay delieberately in answering my question. Some other questions I sent are also very important. I want to read them in the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We have asked the Government to send replies. We will try to get all the answers as early as possible. There is no need to prolong any further because all such matters should not be raised on the floor of the House.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Some of the questions have been converted into call attention notice without my knowledge. I want to know from the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs why they have done so. I want to know what exactly is going to happen to some of the questions. I charge that the Government is deliberately delaying in this connection to shield itself from exposure to its Comissions and commissions.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will consider. I will ask the Government in this regard.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—None of my questions have come up since some time. I want to know what happened to them.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

Sri AZIZ SAIT (Narasimharaja).—When I was not present in the House, the Hon'ble Chief Minister made a statement in the House regarding the accumulated wealth by some of the Ministers by illegal methods, that I did not meet him and I did not give any information about that. This is a very important matter. He should not have made such statement when I was not in the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will consider. I have understood the point. The Hon'ble Minister may begin his reply. He may kindly finish within 30 or 40 minutes.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—No, Sir. I require more time.

Sri AZIZ SAIT.—The Hon'ble Minister may be given more time. The replies should not be shortened. We are all very much interested in these subjects.